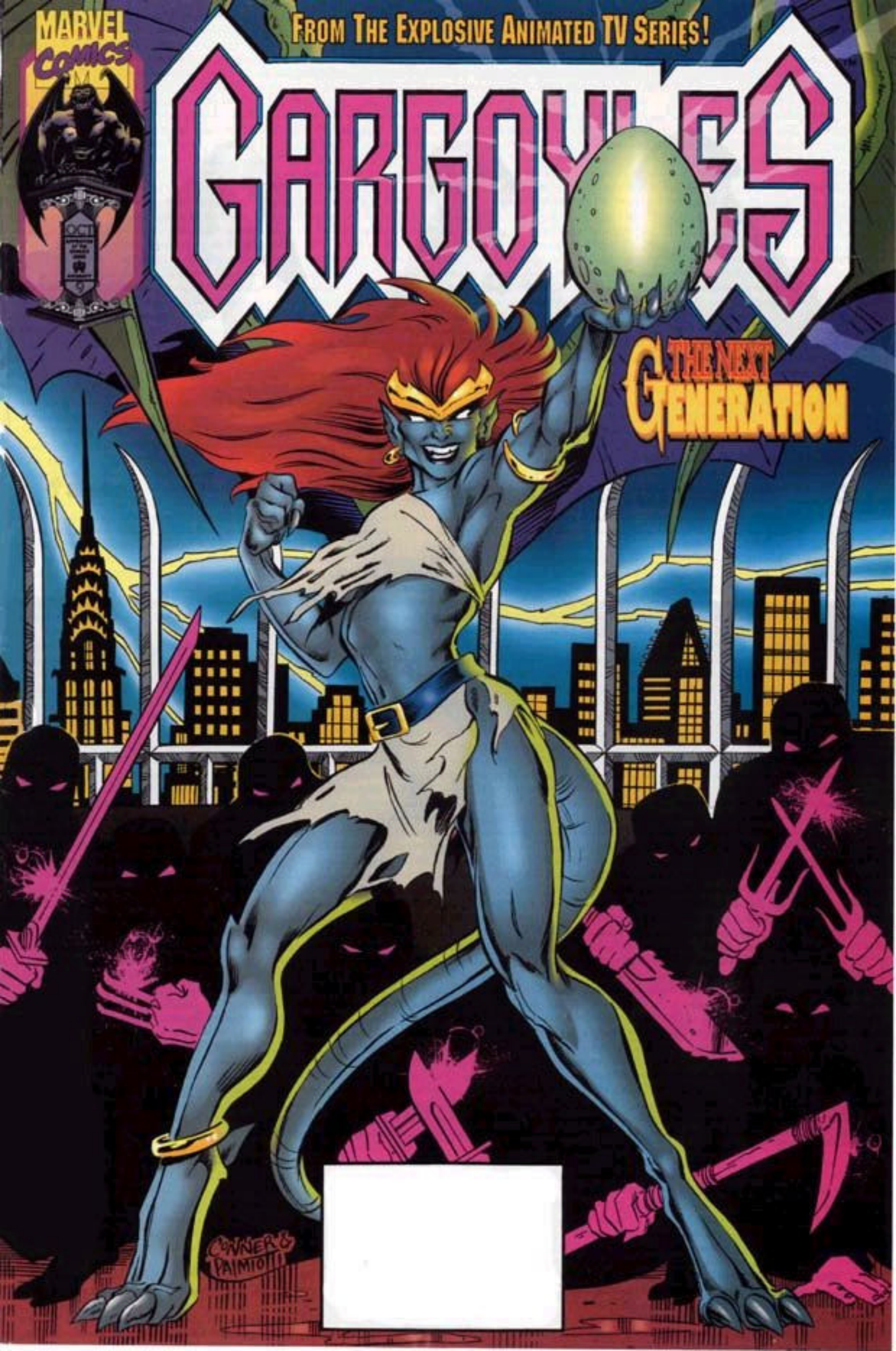


MARVEL
COMICS

FROM THE EXPLOSIVE ANIMATED TV SERIES!

GARGOYLES

THE NEXT
GENERATION



COWNER &
PAINTORI

GARGOYLES

THE EGG AND

MORT YBOD AMANDA ALBERTO JOHN ANTHONY HILBY
TODD CONNER SAICHANN COSTANZA TOLLIN MESNIK
WRITER PENCILER INKED LETTERER EDITOR EDITOR

WHILE LIFE FLOURISHES IN THE METROPOLIS THAT IS NEW YORK CITY, DEEP BELOW ITS DARK GUTS ARE BURIED MANY RIDDLES.

ONE SUCH RIDDLE IS A PLACE THOUSANDS COME TO, BUT FEW SEE. THE NYPD MORGUE.

THOUGH THE ROOM IS CROWDED WITH PEOPLE, THERE IS BUT ONE PERSON AWARE OF IT. BUT THAT CHANGES WITH THE ARRIVAL OF...

DETECTIVE MAZAI



HEY! I THOUGHT WE WERE ON A FIRST NAME BASIS.

SORRY! JUST BEING FORMAL SINCE YOU'RE HERE ON BUSINESS, RIGHT?

HEARD YOU WERE IN QUITE THE FIREFIGHT IN CHINATOWN LAST NIGHT!

YEAH, THIS STINKER HAD ME DEAD IN HIS SIGHTS. GOOD THING HIS GUN JAMMED!

THEY DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT NOW!

THIS TRIAD GANG IS GETTING BOLDER ALL THE TIME! NOT CONTENT WITH CONTROLLING 90% OF ASIA, THEY'VE GOT TO COME TO NEW YORK TO CAUSE TROUBLE!

I HEAR THEY FIGHT WITH A FERVOR WORTHY OF A RELIGIOUS CRUSADE!

IT'S TRUE! BUT WE HAVE CAPTURED A GANG MEMBER AND WE'RE HOPING HE'LL TALK!

YOU HAD TO SHOOT HIM?

NO! THAT'S THE THING! I WAS CLIPPING HIM WHEN ONE OF HIS OWN GANG SHOT HIM! I GUESS THEY DIDN'T WANT HIM TO TALK!

GOOD LUCK... YOU'LL NEED IT! BY THE WAY, DIDN'T I SEE YOU AT A CERTAIN GREASY SPOON THE OTHER NIGHT?

GUILTY AS CHARGED! I WAS GONNA SAY HI, BUT YOU SEEMED, ER, BUSY WITH SOME CHICK!

"CHICK"?

THAT WAS NO CHICK. THAT WAS MY STEPSISTER, COLLEEN!

OH! ER, UH...

AND IN CHINATOWN, AT AN ODD BUILDING ORNAMENTED BY AN ORIENTAL MOTIF...

<AGGGH! NO, MISTRESS! MERCY! NO MOR--->*

<FOOL! THE TRIAD IS A SECRET ORGANIZATION! WE DO NOT HAVE BATTLES IN PUBLIC WITH THE LOCAL POLICE!>

<SINCE YOU WERE TEAM LEADER ON THAT BUNGLED RAID LAST NIGHT, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE AND WILL TAKE YOUR PUNISHMENT IN THE SPIRIT EXPECTED!>

<EVEN WORSE, YOU LET A MEMBER GET CAPTURED BY THE POLICE... ALIVE! COULD YOU BE ANY MORE OF A DOLT?!>

<M-MISTRESS, I-->

<YOU HAVE DISRESPECTED YOUR ANCESTORS AND THE WINGED ONE WITH YOUR FAILURE... AND YOU KNOW THE PENALTY!>

<SHUT UP! CHAN, WOO... TAKE THIS REFUSE AWAY AND DISPOSE OF IT!>

*TRANSLATED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE FROM MANDARIN.
-- MULTILINGUAL MESNIK

<AND WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH THAT, CHAN, SEE TO IT THAT THE CAPTURED ONE IS SILENCED!>

<I WILL NOT FAIL, MISTRESS!>

U-UHHHHH

HOURS LATER AT THE 13RD PRECINCT, ELISA AND MATT BLUESTONE ARE STILL AT WORK, ATTEMPTING TO GRILL THE APPREHENDED TRIAD MEMBER.

THIS IS GETTING US NOWHERE! HE CAN'T UNDERSTAND US AT ALL!

YEAH, I BET! WE KNOW THE TRIAD DOESN'T LIKE THE IDEA OF THE COMMUNISTS TAKING OVER HONG KONG IN 1997 AND THEY'VE EXPANDED THEIR OPERATIONS TO OUR LITTLE CITY.

HE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE SAYING AND I'M GONNA STAY ON HIM TILL HE CRACKS!

SHEESH! AND I THOUGHT I WAS THE CONSPIRACY NUT! I'M GONNA SEE IF THAT TRANSLATOR'S HERE YET... AND GET SOME COFFEE.

OKAY, CHUM, WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

NOTHING CAN MAKE ME TALK, FEMALE DOGS! ONE SUCH AS YOU COULD NOT FATHOM THE SIGNIFICANCE OF...

MAKE MINE WITH CREAM, NO SUGAR... PLS!

THERE'S MORE TO THE TRIAD THAN JUST ITS ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES. IS IT A CULT? WHAT'S ITS NEXT STEP?

<...THE WINGED ONE!>

BUT ELISA IS VERY AWARE OF SOME SIGNIFICANT "WINGED ONES". THEIR LEADER, GOLATH, STANDS ACROSS FROM THE PRECINCT, SURVEYING THE MAN-MADE CANYONS BEFORE HIM.

THE OTHERS ARE OUT GAMING, HAVING A RARE MOMENT OF FUN. THEY DESERVE IT AFTER THEIR TRAVAILS WITH THE PACK!*

HAH. THIS STORM IS COMING FROM THE ATLANTIC AND LOOKS LIKE IT'S GETTING MORE VICIOUS. I'M SURE HUDSON WILL REC-- EHP?

*AS SEEN IN EXCITING, FOUR-COLOR ACTION IN GARGOYLES #7 & #8. -- HILDY



THAT
FIGURE, SCALING
THE POLICE
BUILDING! IT
MOVES LIKE A
SHADOW!

<THERE IS MY PREY,
BUT HE IS NOT ALONE. NO
MATTER. HE CANNOT BE
ALLOWED TO LIVE AND
TALK!>



I KNOW HOW
"WELL" YOUR GROUP
TREATS ITS MEMBERS.
DON'T YOU FEAR FOR
YOUR LIFE?

<WHEN I PASS ON,
THERE WILL BE OTHER
GLORIES IN STORE
FOR ME!>



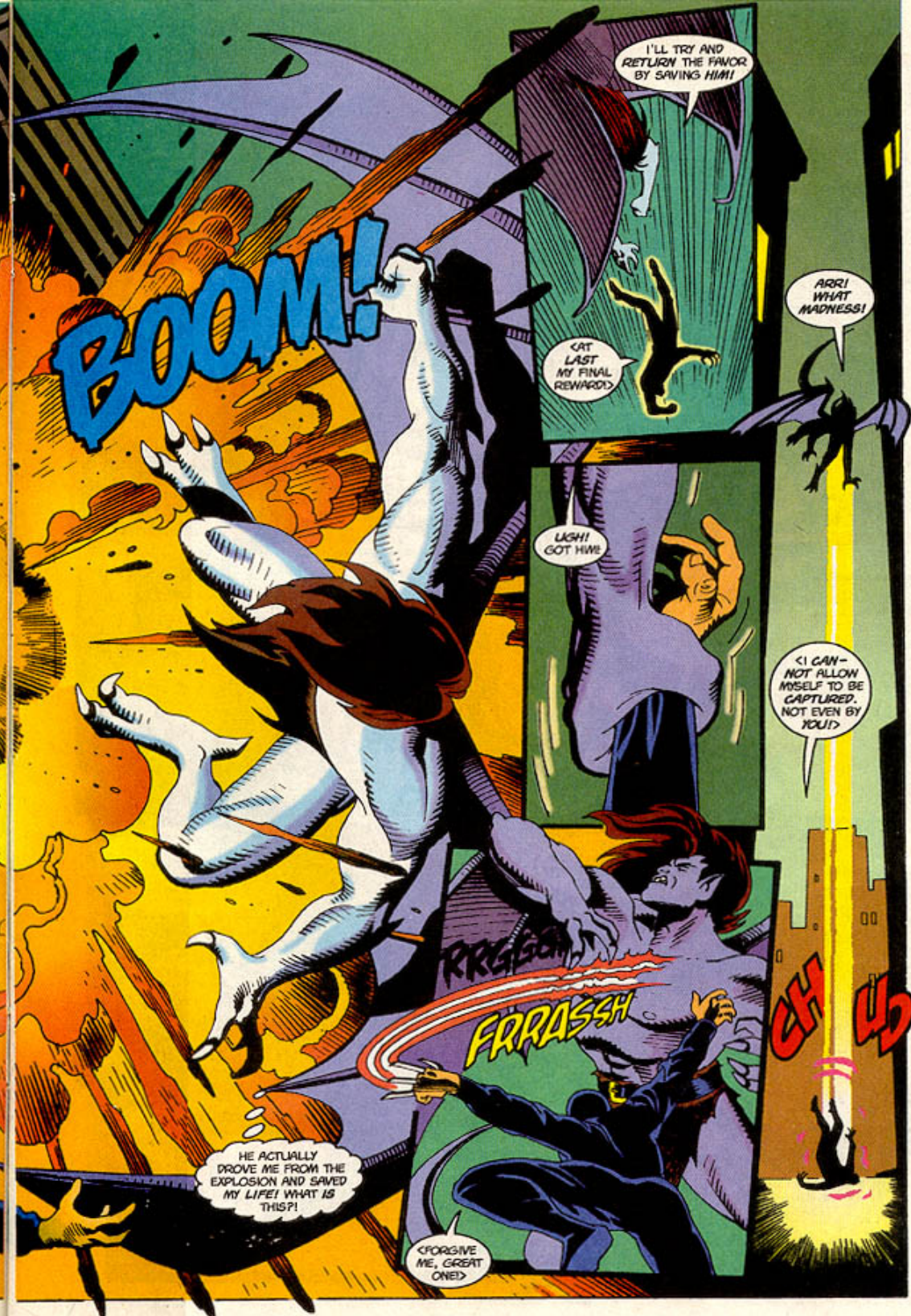
<TEN SECONDS SHOULD
BE AMPLE TIME FOR ME
TO ESCA--->



EXCUSE
ME. DO YOU HAVE
A GOOD REASON
FOR BEING OUT
HERE?

GAH!

<BY
ALL THAT'S
HOLY! A
DIFFERENT
WINGED
ONE!>



AND AT THAT MOMENT, IN A HALL PUNGENT WITH INCENSE, TRAD MEMBERS BOW IN SUPPLICATION TO THEIR LIVING GODDESS... DEMONA!

THESE FOOLS SUIT MY PURPOSES PERFECTLY.

WITH THEIR WEAPONS, CONNECTIONS AND SHEER NUMBER ALONE I WOULD BE GRATIFIED. BUT THERE'S ALSO THE EGG!

<BOW DEEP; GRATEFUL THAT WE ARE FORTUNATE TO WITNESS THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR LONG-FORETOLD DESTINY!>

<ANCIENT PROPHECIES TOLD US THAT THE WINGED ONE WOULD RETURN FOR WHAT WAS THEIRS... AND HERALD IN A NEW ERA OF ENLIGHTENMENT!>

<NOW BRING IN WHAT IS DEMONA'S BY BIRTHRIGHT! BRING IN...>

AHHH! THIS EGG WILL INDEED USHER IN A NEW ERA. AND BIRTH A NEW GARGOYLE!

ONE TO MOLD IN MY OWN FASHION!

...THE EGG!





OUR SACRED SCROLL, PASSED THROUGH THE AGES ALONG WITH THE EGG, READS:

"KNOW THAT WHEN THE WINGED ONE MAKES ITSELF KNOWN TO THE CHOSEN, THE VERY COSMOS WILL BE IN ALIGNMENT, UNIQUE TO THAT MILLENNIUM."

"AND ON THAT PRESCRIBED NIGHT, A NEW WINGED ONE WILL BE BORN!"



OUR ELDERS TELL US THAT SACRED NIGHT... IS TOMORROW!

I HOPE IT'S A GIRL!

WITH A LITTLE GARGOYLE UNDER MY WING, SHE CAN AID ME IN THE COMPLETE SUBJUGATION OF THE HUMAN RACE!



AND THE TRIAD CAN BE BETRAYED AT MY CONVENIENCE!



AN OMINOUS RIPPLE OF THUNDER RUMBLES ACROSS THE CITY AS ELISA ARRIVES AT THE CLOCK TOWER...

OOH, BRONX! HAPPY TO SEE ME?

YOUR TIMELY ARRIVAL SAVED MY SKIN, GOLIATH... AND THAT OF A SUDDENLY TALKATIVE STOOLIE!

WHY AM I NOT SURPRISED SHE IS IN LEAGUE WITH A LEGION OF MURDEROUS CULT MEMBERS?

AND YOU WERE RIGHT. DEMONA IS INVOLVED WITH THE TRIAD!



SHE FITS INTO SOME PROPHECIES ABOUT A "WINGED ONE" THAT WILL BIRTH SOME NEW AGE FOR THE TRIAD.

BRONX IS SUCH A GOOD BOY!

THEY'RE HAVING A CEREMONY AT A PLACE SO SECRET, EVEN OUR SQUEALER DIDN'T KNOW WHERE IT WAS.

DO YOU KNOW THEIR NEXT MOVE?

TAP
TAP
TAP



NO, I'M AFRAID WE CAN ONLY HOPE TO FIND THEM BEFORE THEY HATCH THEIR SCHEME.

THE NEXT DAY
HELTS TO
DUSK AND THE
WEATHER'S
VIOLENCE
GROWS...

NO WORD OF
TRIAD ACTIVITY ALL DAY.
I SHOULD BE GLAD, BUT
THEY'RE PROBABLY
COOKING UP SOMETHING
OUTRAGEOUS.

HOPEFULLY
THIS STORM WILL
DISSUADE THEM
FROM--

HEY, IF YOU'RE
NOT UP TO ANYTHING,
FEEL LIKE GRABBING
SOME SZECHUAN
FOOD?

N/AH, I DON'T
REALLY FEEL LIKE
ANY CHINESE
TONIGHT.

BESIDES,
I'VE GOT TO HOOK
UP WITH SOME...
FRIENDS.

ELISA!

I THOUGHT I
MIGHT SEE YOU HERE.
I JUST DUMPED OFF SOME
FILES, SO I'M OFFICIALLY
OFF WORK NOW.

ME, TOO.
NICE WEATHER,
HUH?

AW,
I KINDA
LIKE IT!

BUT
I'LL TAKE A,
ER, RAIN
CHECK!

YEAH,
MAYBE. OKAY,
LATER!

MAN, THAT WAS
STUPID OF ME! WHY
WOULD SHE GO OUT
WITH ME?

A GREAT
WOMAN LIKE THAT
MUST HAVE TONS OF
COOL FRIENDS ON
TAP!

MAYBE I
SHOULD'VE
GONE. I DON'T
GET A CHANCE
TO GO OUT
MUCH,
BUT...

K-K-KRACK







THIS ANTENNA MAKES A GOOD LIGHTNING ROD...

... BUT IT MAY DISTRACT THE BOLT NEEDED TO AID IN THE HATCHING.

DESTRUCTION... I LOVE IT!



THAT'S IT! C'MON, GUYS!

A DEAD RADIO AFTER A REPORT ABOUT THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING WAS TOO COINCIDENTAL!

THE ANTENNA THERE RELAYS MOST TV AND RADIO SIGNALS IN THE TRI-STATE AREAS. WITHOUT IT, THE CITY'S CRIPPLED!

LET'S CHECK IT OUT!



SORRY, BRONX. YOU CAN'T COME WITH US! BUT I'LL BRING BURGERS BACK FOR BOTH OF US!

COME ON, BROADWAY!



STAY CLOSE! VISIBILITY IS MINIMAL AND THE WINDS ARE HARD TO NEGOTIATE!

HRRM?

EA-BA-BOOM!

LOOKS LIKE
WE WERE RIGHT!
GUNMEN ARE HOLDING
POLICE OFF AT THE
LOBBY! THOSE COPS
ARE HELPLESS WITH-
OUT RADIO
SUPPORT!

THEN
IT'S UP TO
US! WE
CAN--

WHOA!

OUCH!

HE GOT
CAUGHT IN AN
UPDRAFT!

WOOOOSSHH!

KA-PWEEENG

THESE
WINDS ARE MUCH
TOO TREACHEROUS TO
NAVIGATE! WE'LL HAVE
TO CLIMB THE REST
OF THE WAY!

I'M BETTING
THEY'RE UP ON THE
OBSERVATION DECK.
I'LL TAKE THE
STAIRS!

BUT HOW
ARE YOU GOING TO
GET IN?

DUH-DO
YOU SEE THAT?
THE BUILDING
JUST CAME UP
AND SHACKED ME!
DON'T WORRY,
I'M OKAY! BUT,
OW!!

A SIMPLE
MATTER... WATCH
OUT FOR BROKEN
GLASS!

CAREFUL, ELISA.
WE'RE DEALING WITH
HIGHLY SKILLED
KILLERS!

NINJAS!
FROM OUT OF
NOWHERE!

AND GOLIATH'S
TOO HIGH
UP TO
HEAR US!
URK!!

HEY, NO
PROBLEM! I'M A
NEW YORK COP. I'M
USED TO HIGHLY SKILLED
KILLERS! MEET YOU AT
THE 60TH FLOOR!

BOY!
I WISH I WAS
AS CONFIDENT
AS I SOUND!
WE'RE IN
FOR A BIG
SCRAP!

BE AWARE!
AN ATTACK
COULD COME
FROM ANY-
WHERE!

EVEN IN A
STORM, OUTSIDE
THE 33RD
FLOOR!

RYE, LAD.
EXPERIENCE HAS
TAUGHT ME TO
ALWAYS EXPECT THE
UNEXPECTED--

OOF!!

HUDSON!

YIPES!



(THE MISTRESS, IN HER INFINITE WISDOM, WAS VERY PRUDENT TO HAVE ME STATIONED HERE TO STOP INTERLOPERS!)

PUFF
PUFF

PHEW!
GUESS I
WON'T HAVE
TO USE THE
STAIRMASTER
AT THE GYM
THIS WEEK!



<DIE,
INFIDEL!>

OOF!!



YEAH,
WHATEVER
YOU SAID,
BUT...



... I'M BETTING YOU
UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS
BETTER THAN ANY OF YOUR
FANCY FOOTWORK!



YO,
GOLIATH!!

ACCK! HE
STILL CAN'T
HEAR US OVER
THE STORM!

IT'S UP TO
US TO PUT THESE
PAJAMA PEOPLE TO
SLEEP!



MY GUT
MAY LOOK SOFT,
BUT IT'S ALL
MUSCLE,
BUDDY!

BAMF!

OOK!



I'LL GIVE
YOU A HAND,
LEX... ACTUALLY
TWO HANDS, A
COUPLE OF LEGS
AND A WHOLE
BODY!

WHUMP

DAI-EEE!



OOH! GOOD
THING THEY LANDED
ON THE LEDGE
BELOW!

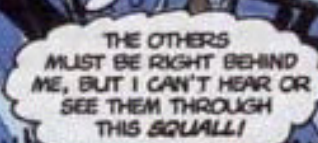
SHEESH! THAT
HADDA HURT! I
WONDER WHERE
HUDSON IS?

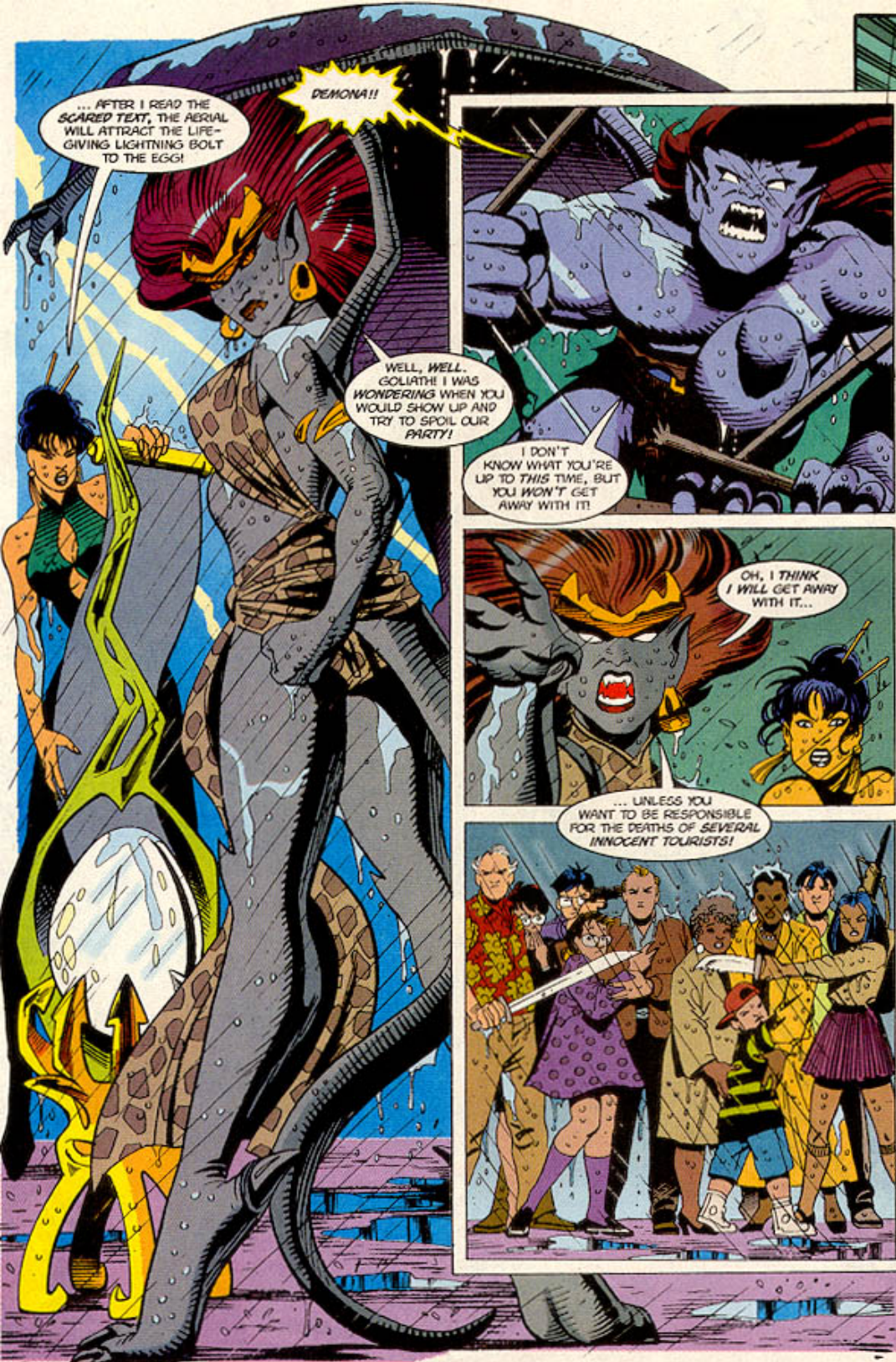


LET'S LOOK FOR HIM
AND CATCH UP WITH
GOLIATH!

BROOKLYN!
LOOK
OUT!!

WOOOOSH





... AFTER I READ THE SCARED TEXT, THE AERIAL WILL ATTRACT THE LIFE-GIVING LIGHTNING BOLT TO THE EGG!

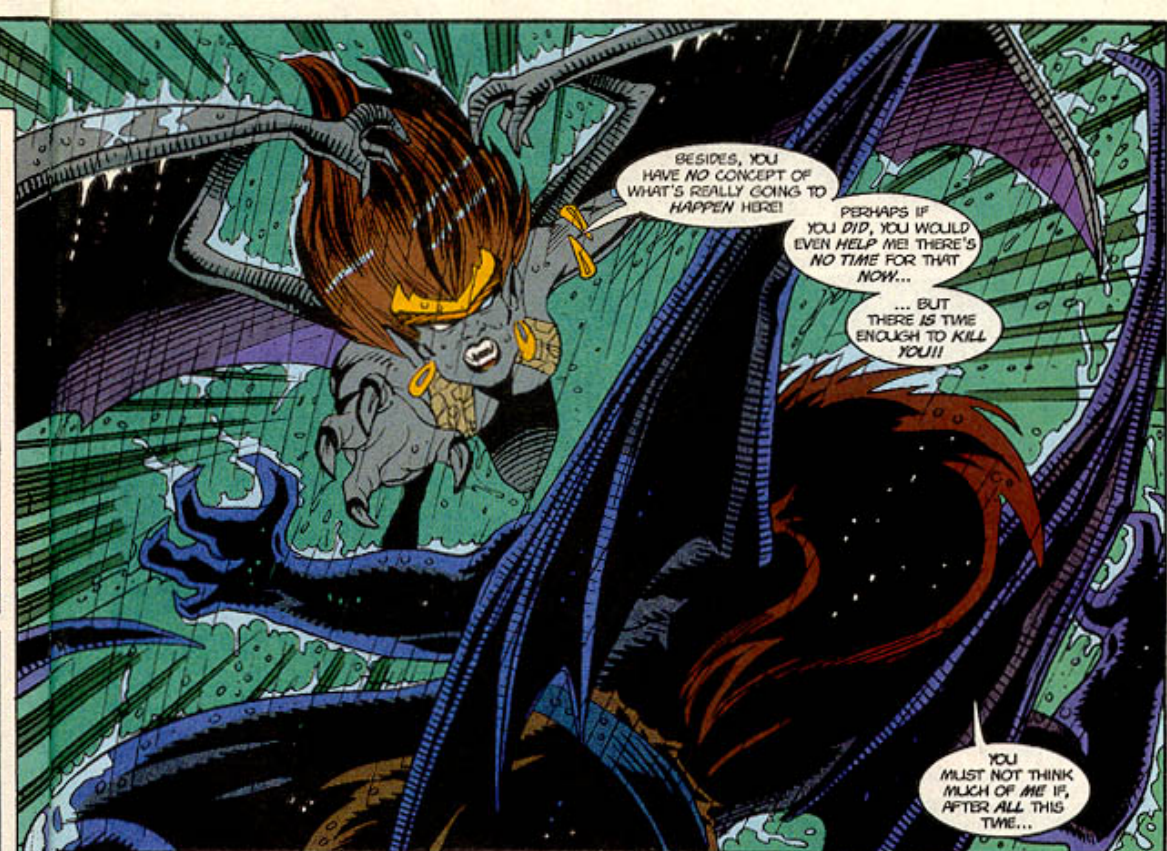
DEMONA!!

WELL, WELL. GOLIATH! I WAS WONDERING WHEN YOU WOULD SHOW UP AND TRY TO SPOIL OUR PARTY!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO THIS TIME, BUT YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT!

OH, I THINK I WILL GET AWAY WITH IT...

... UNLESS YOU WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF SEVERAL INNOCENT TOURISTS!



BESIDES, YOU HAVE NO CONCEPT OF WHAT'S REALLY GOING TO HAPPEN HERE!

PERHAPS IF YOU DID, YOU WOULD EVEN HELP ME! THERE'S NO TIME FOR THAT NOW...

... BUT THERE IS TIME ENOUGH TO KILL YOU!!

YOU MUST NOT THINK MUCH OF ME IF, AFTER ALL THIS TIME...



UNHF!

OH, QUIET DOWN!

A WARRIOR DARES APP-- OH!!

WHADDYA KNOW? MADAME KUNG FU HAS A GLASS JAW!

W-WITHOUT IT, WE CAN'T COMPLETE THE CEREMONY!

I'VE ALMOST GOT IT!

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!

TH--THE SACRED SCROLL!







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Please include your name, age, and address. Though we will gladly withhold that information upon request.

HILDA MERRIE — Editor

Dear Gargoyles Folks,

I love your comic book! It is the first comic I have really gotten into. I have every issue and just finished reading #6. Amanda Conner is a great artist. Would you like to know how I got into your comics? Okay - it was a dark and stormy night. (Really it was!) My family and I ate pizza and went to Media Play afterwards. I was walking by the comics when I saw a big, purple shiny thing. I took a closer look and said, "A Gargoyles book! Neato!" So I have gotten every one ever since. Keep up the good work!

Griffin Van Malssen, 10
Charlotte, NC

Thanks for being a dedicated reader, Griffin! We look forward to being around for a long time! And if you're partial to dark and stormy nights, this issue is full of them!

Holy Continuity Crisis, Hilda!

Just where were your minds at while you were doing issue #6? The first error is that Brooklyn and Lexington were back in their old clothes. When exactly did they find the time to change from shorts (which I really liked on Brooklyn) from the loincloths they were wearing during heated battle back in issue #5? In issue #5, Venus is more like Goliath's color and has four fingers per hand but in issue #6, she is tan with five fingers per hand!

Please don't take all this the wrong way, but I'm a fan to the extent that stuff like this just really miffs me to the max. By the way, despite the above problems, you produce a great comic book!

Mary Brouse, 16
Lexington, KY

We like hearing from our readers, even when they're picking out boo-boos we've made! Would ya believe, between GARGOYLES #5 & 6, there was an untold story where the Gargoyles were transported to another dimension and changed their clothes while Venus got a new finger and recoloration? No? Well, you can't blame us for trying!

Dear Written In Stone,

I have just come from Lerwik, Scotland. Everything is backwards

here, even the lanes people drive in, not to mention the electrical sockets. I can't even plug in my hair dryer (grin)! One of my newly-met friends informed me of a certain comic by the name of GARGOYLES. It took me quite a while to find it, though in all I would say it was worth the trouble.

Having seen the animated series, I can proudly say I support your effort all the way and back again. I want to wish you all good luck and thanks for making my stay in America worth my while!

Neetra Reynolds, 17
Philadelphia, PA

P.S. Going hang-gliding with some friends, wish me luck so I don't fly into any trees!

Let's see. You come from Scotland, you have long hair and you hang-glide... Are you one of the missing Gargoyles, Neetra?

Dear Written In Stone,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for coming out with a GARGOYLES comic! I've been with you since the first issue and haven't missed one yet, probably because all of you people behind the comic do such a superb job.

My favorite Gargoyle is Broadway and I really like the way you showed him in issue #4, Blood From a Stone. At the very end, my eyes were brimming with tears. I read it again and again and again. Apart from Sergio Aragones' GROO THE WANDERER, you guys publish the only comic I read over and over again.

Molly Hill, 14
Forest Grove, OR

Thanks for the compliments, Molly! But oops, we don't publish GROO anymore. Why don't you try some other Marvel-Disney titles? You'll be glad you did!

Dear Marvel Comics,

I have one word for your comic - outstanding. I have all the GARGOYLES comics, trading cards, and never miss an episode on TV. Are there any new TV episodes? Can you please send me a picture of Goliath?

James Macri
Meriden, CT

There will be new episodes of GARGOYLES on TV this fall, and it'll be on four days a week; not just Fridays! Disney has some real neat twists and turns planned on the new episodes, too. Sorry, we don't have any GARGOYLES pictures to send out. Aren't there enough pictures of Goliath in every issue?!

Dear Gargoyles,

*Wind washes around the statue,
A gargoyle made of stone.
It sits through the sunlit day
Waiting for the day to be gone.*

*As the sun sets so goes the stone,
From stone it transforms
Into living flesh and bone.*

*Guardians of the night,
Defenders of the right.
They are
Gargoyles!*

Jessica Brimer
Quebeck, TN

Hey, who says this isn't the Marvel Age of Poetry? Thanks for your cool verse, Jessica.

Dear Gargoyles,

If I thought the cartoon was good, I nearly died when I saw the comic! You guys did a great job! Thanks a lot for this column of light, it keeps my spirits from sinking when I'm depressed. Am I getting too mushy? Sorry!

Absolutely fabulous work, people. Thanks!

Becky "Dragonwing" Richards, 15
Granada Hills, CA

No, thank you, "Dragonwing". It means a lot to all the creative people on this book that you enjoy GARGOYLES so much. And check out our subscription form if you'd like to get this "column of light" delivered to your home each month!

Dear Written In Stone,

Hi, my name is April Gist (Grape Ape for short!). I am 12-years-old and love the Gargoyles. I saw the Gargoyles video and couldn't believe how real the comics looked! But alas (I gotta stop reading that romance stuff - ha ha) I only saw the movie 'cause my stuck-in-the-'70's parents won't get cable. Brooklyn and Lexington are my favorite Gargoyles. Gotta go.

April Gist, 12
Anson, TX

P.S. I didn't mean that about my parents!

Luckily, the Gargoyles animated TV series is on regular television so you won't miss a single episode this fall! Thanks for the cool picture of you and your cat, April!

NEXT MONTH:

Ever wonder how Elisa earned her detective badge? Learn about it all as she and the Gargoyles go after a serial killer on the loose!